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Dear Judicial Committee & CT Legislature,

I am writing to you to express my Opposition to Bill HB 7028;

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, ACCESS TO THE FIREARMS DATABASE BY PAROLE OFFICERS, AND PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

First, (while not my point of opposition) Why do Parole officers need access to the firearms database? Are they not dealing with people who have lost the right to legally own (and carry) firearms? Their job is to help them with re-entry into society.

Secondly, and my reasons for opposing Bill HB 7028 are the following:

A law abiding citizen going about his/her daily activities, should not be stopped by a police officer (or any Government official) and be demanded to show Identification. If a person is in the act of violating a law, or matches the description of someone who violated the law (that police are looking for); then that would justify an inquisition of who they are. No one (I repeat "No one") who is abiding by the laws; should be forced by police to answer questions or show identification.

Your proposal of this (unjust) bill focuses on one segment of the 'law abiding' community; legal gun owners. Carrying a firearm (concealed or open carry) is Legal in CT. Driving a car is legal in CT. Do Police officers (& Government officials) have the right to go up to any law abiding (driver) citizen, and demand them to show them their driver's license (anytime they want & for any reason they want)? 'Your own Example': Just because they want to make sure they have one, and because they want to know who they are? Answer: No they don't. If someone is breaking the law, or under suspicion of breaking a law; the Police officer then has a right to ask for identification (driver's license, etc).

This Bill breeds 'Big Brother' Government; and allows Government to intrude into the privacy of 'law abiding citizens'. This action will surely be abused (Actually, if it is done one time – it is abuse). You want to give a government official 'power' to violate a law abiding citizen's rights (and 'without any limitations').

I beseech you to oppose this Bill. Our constitution was written to protect its citizens from overreach of government. You are entertaining a Bill that is in direct violation of the principles of our beautiful Constitution.

Sincerely, John Gori, Milford, CT